

# Restoration Coordination



## Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: FY 99 Funding Process

### Summary

Congress has appropriated an additional \$75 million under the Bay-Delta Act for early implementation ecosystem restoration projects. The priorities which will guide these expenditures have already been reviewed by the BDAC Ecosystem Roundtable, CALFED Management Team and CALFED Policy Group. Types of actions to be funded under these priorities are being identified based on the Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) Strategic Plan, input from regional technical experts, and from the Integration Panel. It is expected that this process will be completed by December.

### Action

- Information/Discussion Item — This item is presented for information purposes, to alert Policy Group members to upcoming meetings, and to receive input on the process for developing a funding package (type of actions to be funded) which is expected to be presented to Policy Group for a decision in December.

### Detailed Discussion

The FY 99 priorities were originally developed in draft by a Technical Panel using the ERP goals as they existed last spring. These priorities have been presented to the Roundtable, Management Team and Policy Group. The Management Team specifically directed that language be added which emphasizes listed fish species dependent on the Delta and which emphasizes implementation projects. These changes have been made. The final FY 99 priorities are attached to this memo.

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#### CALFED Agencies

**California**  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

Using the FY 99 priorities and the most recent draft of the ERP Strategic Plan, types of actions to be implemented in FY 99 will be prioritized based on input from regional technical experts. Meetings will be conducted in the following regions:

1. San Joaquin River and tributaries - with the San Joaquin River Management Program - Monday, November 9 at the Modesto Irrigation District office in Modesto.
2. Delta, Suisun Marsh, San Francisco Bay, and east-side Delta tributaries - Tuesday, November 17 at the Courtland Auditorium, Courtland.
3. Lower American River/Sacramento River and tributaries - with the SB 1086 Program/Water Forum Thursday, November 19 in Sacramento.

In addition to these regional meetings, we will also coordinate with the CALFED Water Quality Technical Group, the Comprehensive Monitoring, Assessment and Research Program, and others as needed.

Following these regional meetings, the Technical Panel will meet December 1, 2, and 3 to consolidate the recommendations into an overall package. It is anticipated that this package will include both designated actions and types of projects that should be sought through solicitation. This package will be discussed by the Roundtable at a half-day workshop with the Technical Panel on December 7 beginning at 1:00 p.m. The Roundtable will take the full package up at its regular meeting on Friday, December 11.

This information will then be presented to the Policy Group at its December meeting for a final funding recommendation. It is expected that the proposed funding package will include specific projects and a public solicitation process.

Attachments